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NEWSLETTER

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RIDERS OF THE NIGHT

The third dimension of bike riding.

The Wednesday Night ride consists of a group of 5 to 10 riders who meet and ride between 20 and 30 km. along our tracks.

We usually only cover 6 different tracks as this helps with knowing any of the hazards that exist. Night riding is a completely different experience to riding in the day and good lights are a definite asset as you see a lot more wild life. We regularly see owls, fruit bats, plus rabbits by the 100s. We also see wombats, kangaroos and possums not to mention a koala, rats and a few frogs.

So if your looking for a different spin on your bike your would be more than welcome. Loan lights can be arranged if you call Rob Thorpe with a days notice so the batteries can be charged up.

One thing to remember is there are two basic types of bike lights one is to show others where you are such as a flashing light the other is to illuminate the track so you can see any obstacles along the way. We would love to have you come along if you would like to experience a different way of riding. For people who have not noticed at the bottom of each ride program there is a small reference made to our night riding group.

If you wish information about our rides click on there.

Google Words of wisdom for this issue Life is like a box of chain links. You can use what you have to form a chain and move forward, but you will never be without kinks, chain suck, and rust; and lube and quick links will always be necessary investments. All you can do is your best with what you have.

Banyule Bug Members take part in MS ride

Compliments Robert Thorp

Four members of BB recently rode in this event that officially went from Princess Park (but for us champions it started at Warringal Park at 6.30) over the Westgate bridge around Williamstown and back to Princess park a round trip of 40 kilometres or about 80 km return to Heidelberg The team we joined was 20 strong and named "Training Wheels." we raised over \$20,000. It was a great experience and a worthy cause that we will be participating in again next year

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When Leigh gets a puncture



When someone else gets a puncture

Whats Worse than a Fat Lip



Les Bennett probably holds the answer to this conundrum when he and his motor bike parted company on a very lumpy steep stretch of track in the Wahalla region. After deviating to miss a fellow rider who had stalled, his own bike lost traction in heavy gravel, and thought it might want to go back down the hill. Les managed to protect the bike with his foot which consequently got very large as a result of this. Never the less after a painful night Les managed to squeeze the above foot (picture) back in his boot and ride the 150K trip home. He commented "only got really bad when I changed gear" There is a strong rumor that he was following Marcus from Walkers Wheels up the hill, This speaks for it's self. Les will hopefully be back on a real bike soon.



Did someone say something about rain?

Hotel in Moonie ponds where we stop some-
times.

And What separates Latte from the Lycra ?



No it's not speed but rain this was evident when the **Latte Group** braved pouring rain to honor their commitment to the ride program which was to ride with new Sunday riders. Understandably there were not any new riders to be seen nor did we spot any lycra riders either just a very brave us..

Gill Power



Gill doing her bit for sustainability at the recent festival held in Federation Square .Gill is actually using pedal power to keep the singers amplifier powered up. Other features of the festival were bat-tery powered bikes. A bamboo bike was also fea-tured.

Next issue History in the making and the Coast to
Crater rail trail